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1. GHANAIAI CHARGE AGYEMAN WAS CONVOKED TO DEPARTMENT 5
AUGUST TO MEET WITH ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY JAMES FOR
DISCUSSION OF USG VIEWS ON KOREA AND PUERTO RICO. JAMES
NOTED MULCAHY-QUARM MEETING OF DEC. 9 WHERE MULCAHY
EXPRESSED OUR DISAPPOINTMENT OVER GHANA'S KOREA VOTES AT
30TH UNGA. JAMES MENTIONED THAT OUR POSITIONS ON KOREA AND
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PUERTO RICO HAD ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED BY OUR CHARGE AND

THE MFA IN ACCRA, AND ADDED THAT HE HAD ASKED AGYEMAN TO CALL IN ORDER TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THESE TWO SUBJECTS.

2. MR. JAMES REFERRED TO THE SECRETARY'S SEATTLE SPEECH (A COPY WAS GIVEN TO AGYEMAN) AND ASKED GHANAIAI SUPPORT FOR A MEETING OF THE FOUR PARTIES MOST CONCERNED WITH KOREA. HE ALSO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT NORTH KOREAN PARTISANS WOULD NOT FORCE A NEEDLESS CONFRONTATION AT THE UNGA.

3. ON PUERTO RICO, MR. JAMES REVIEWED THE HISTORY OF US RELATIONS WITH PUERTO RICO, STRESSED THAT PUERTO RICO HAD CHOSEN COMMONWEALTH STATUS IN 1953, AND NOTED THAT THE UN HAD RECOGNIZED THIS ACTION BY THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO BY REMOVING THAT TERRITORY FROM THE LIST OF NON-SELF GOVERNING AREAS. JAMES ADDED THAT WE CONSIDER PUERTO RICO A DOMESTIC AFFAIR.

4. AGYEMAN SAID HE WAS AWARE THAT OUR EMBASSY IN ACCRA HAS DISCUSSED THESE SUBJECTS WITH THE MFA. HE PROMISED TO CONVEY JAMES' COMMENTS TO HIS GOVERNMENT, ADDING THAT HE BELIEVED THE GOG IS IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING POSITION PAPERS ON THESE SUBJECTS.

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